

# Parrott A. Ator collection of John Tarleton Abstracts of Title, 1913 and 1920: A Guide

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Parrott A. Ator

**Title:** Parrott A. Ator collection of John Tarleton Abstracts of Title, 1913 and 1920

**Inclusive Dates:** 1913-1920

**Abstract:** The collection contains two abstracts of title pertaining to land belonging to John Tarleton, which later was owned by Parrott A. Ator.

**Identification:** AR11

**Extent:** 1 folder

**Shelf location:** Small Collections Box 1, Folder 6

**Language:** Collection is in English.

**Repository:** Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

## Biographical Note

Parrott Ator was born April 7, 1858 in McNairy County, Tennessee to Mathias D. and Mary A. (McDaniel) Ator. By 1883, he was on the tax rolls in Erath County, Texas. At age 25, he married 16-year-old Margaret McNabb of Warm Springs, Arkansas, on August 2, 1883, in Randolph County, Arkansas. Ator and his son Sular Dexter Ator owned 50 acres of land in Palo Pinto County, Texas, which had belonged to John Tarleton at his death in 1895.

Dorothy Eleanor Ator Bates donated the Abstracts of Title for the Palo Pinto property to Tarleton State University in 2009. She was the granddaughter of Parrott and daughter of Sular.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The collection contains two abstracts of title. The first describes 50 acres of Block 11 of the G.W. Freighen Survey in Palo Pinto County, Texas. The abstract was developed for Bob Tuggle of Lipan, Texas by The Palo Pinto Abstract and Guarantee Company. It is dated November 6, 1913 and has 15 pages.

The second abstract describes land sold to J.H.T. Bradford by J.C. George, the executor of the will of John Tarleton. The plot of land included Block 10 and the E ½ of Block 11 of the G.W. Freighen Survey in Palo Pinto County, Texas. The abstract was developed for W.H. Roah of Lipan, Texas by The Palo Pinto Abstract and Guarantee Company. It is dated March [?], 1920 and has 35 pages.

In addition to the land descriptions, both abstracts contain the pre-marital agreement between John Tarleton and Mary L. Johnson, a Quit Claim Deed by Johnson, the application for Letters Testamentary by J.C. George, and portions of the will of John Tarleton.

### **Organization**

The Parrott A. Ator collection of John Tarleton Abstracts of Title, 1913 and 1920 is organized in two series:

- Series I. Abstract of Title for Bob Tuggle of Lipan, Texas, 1913
- Series II. Abstract of Title for W.H. Roah of Lipan, Texas, 1920

### **Restrictions**

None

### **Access**

Open for research.

### **Index Terms**

#### **Persons**

Ator, Parrott A., 1858-1926  
Ator, Sular Dexter, 1889-1980  
Freighen, G.W.  
George, J.C.  
Johnson, Mary L.,  
Tarleton, John, 1808-1895

#### **Organizations**

The Palo Pinto Abstract and Guarantee Company

#### **Subjects**

Abstracts of Title  
Deeds  
Land titles  
Title examinations

#### **Places**

Palo Pinto County (Tex.)  
Texas—Palo Pinto County

### **Administrative Information**

**Provenance**

Donated to the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University by Dorothy Ator Bates on October 21, 2009.

**Citation**

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**Processing Information**

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2017. Revised by Amanda Pape October 16, 2018.

**Note to the Researcher**

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required with time allowed to retrieve them before conducting research. There may be occasions when staffing or weather conditions may prevent retrieval of the records. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at [pkinnison@tarleton.edu](mailto:pkinnison@tarleton.edu).